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Intimations.

VICTORIA LODGE

No. 1026.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FARRINGTON HALL, Zeppelin Street, THIS EVENING, the 22nd Inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, January 22, 1895. 120

CHINA NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

A. C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation." T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the "Bank of China, Japan, and the Straits, Ltd., Hongkong." CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

For the National Bank of China, Limited." GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the "Mercantile Bank of India, Limited." JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the "Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Hongkong Agency." E. MAYER,
Manager.

Hongkong, January 21, 1895. 160

THE KWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 4th February, 1895, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Twelve Months ending 31st December, 1894.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 26th January, to MONDAY, the 4th February, 1895 (both days inclusive), during which no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 15, 1893. 151

Banks.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 15, 1893. 151

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,000,000.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....£500,000.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Court of Directors.

D. GILLESPIE, Esq. H. STOLTZENFORT, Esq. CHAN KIT SHAN, Esq. CHOW TUN SHAN, Esq.

KWAN HOI CHUEN, Esq. Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Interest for 12 months fixed 5%.

Hongkong, October 23, 1894. 1711

THE BANKS OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....£2,000,000.

CAPITAL CALLED UP.....251,093.150.

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RATES OF INTEREST

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CHANTREY INCHBALD, Manager.

Hongkong, November 6, 1893. 247

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

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A. C. MARSHALL, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 825

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000.

RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 21, 1894. 938

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E. J. RICHARDSON,

Manager.

Hongkong, January 21, 1895. 167

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Hongkong, January 9, 1895. 63

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Hongkong, January 18, 1895. 131

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Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S,
Hongkong, January 22, 1895. 161

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
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Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.;
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DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary,
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.

W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent,
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.

W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.

SHEWAN & CO.,
Agents,
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.

JAMES B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary,
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

WM. MACBEAN,
Agent,
The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 22, 1895. 161

VICTORIA CHAPTER, NO. 525.

A Regular CONVOCATION of the
above CHAPTER will be held in the
FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on
TUESDAY, the 20th Instant, at 8.30 for 9
p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN
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Hongkong, January 22, 1895. 161

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SACHEM, American ship, Capt. Bartlett.
Showan & Co.

W. M. J. ROTCH, American ship, Capt. J.
L. Bray.—Captain.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 21.—
Mongku, British str., 850, J. E. Farrell,
Bangkok January 13, Rice and General—
YUEN FAT HONG.

January 22.—
Brunihilde, German steamer, from Canton.
Takao, British steamer, from Canton.

Hoihoo, British steamer, 800, Saigon
Chinkiang January 18, Rice—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Pyrus, British steamer, 2,293, H. E. Batt,
Liverpool and Singapore January 15, General—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Formosa, British steamer, 674, Hall,
Swatow January 21, General—DOUGLAS
STEAMSHIP CO.

Yarra, French steamer, 2,084, de Maubouze,
Shanghai January 19, Mail and General—
MESSAGES MARINERES.

Sungkang, British steamer, 394, C. B. N.
Dodd, Manila January 19, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Sabine Rickmers, German steamer, 808,
Sandors, Swatow January 21, Ballast—
ARNOLD, KAERDEK & CO.

Ming-yi, German steamer, from Canton.

Michael Johnson, German str., 710, H.
Schaukien, Honcho Bay January 19, Salt—
SIEMSEN & CO.

DEPARTURES.

January 22.—
Riversdale, for Moji.

Thales, for Swatow.

Chusan, for Canton.

Aglais, for Singapore and Hamburg.

Shantung, for Cheribon.

Canion, for Swatow.

Frih Nang, for Bangkok.

Huape, for Batavia.

Brunihilde, for Chinkiang.

Heihow, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Doris, for Taku.

Actis, for Hoihow.

Ask, for Haiphong.

Nomo, for Swatow, &c.

Victoria, for Kobe and Tacoma.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Mongku, from Bangkok, Mr. A.
Nies, and 20 Chinese.

Per Hoihoo, from Chinkiang, Mr. Howard,
and 10 Chinese.

Per Pyrus, from Liverpool, &c., Mr.
Bergman, Mr. and Mrs. Mayhow, Mrs. Wu-
liamson, and 250 Chinese.

Per Formosa, from Swatow, Mr. G. Sachse,
and 13 Chinese.

Per Yarra, for Hongkong: from Yoko-
hama, Rev. Drouard de Louzy, Messrs.
Kawai, Rosemann, Dimeson, S. Ogama, K.
Oyama and Yamamoto; from Nagasaki, Mr.
Katsuki, Mrs. Sakurai, Mr. Cotter, and Miss
Dohota; from Shanghai, Messrs. Baup, D.
Martin, L. J. Day, Rev. Lemmayer, Messrs.
the Yack, Tong Chee Tin, and Hindieken.
From Nagasaki: for Saigon, Chaligo, Lo
Bans, Nemo, Chausigne, Mr. and Mrs.
Hamada; for Alexandria, Mr. Nebolsine.
From Shanghai: for Saigon, Messrs. De
Pinelli, Rappalle and Martin; for Alex-
andria, Capt. Rotzstein; for Marseilles,
Mr. Grenard.

DEPARTED.

Per Aglaia, for Singapore, 2 Europeans,
and 12 Chinese.

Per Thales, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

Per Canton, for Swatow, 34 Chinese.

Per Phra Nang, for Bangkok, 4 Euro-
peans, and 10 Chinese.

Per Darmstadt, for Shanghai: from
Hongkong, Messrs. Arthur Knight, Gregson,
Carr Rontram, C. Schaele, and 5 Chinese;
from Southampton, Mr. Friedrich Hammels
Horn.

Per Nurwong, for Yokohama: from Hong-
kong, Messrs. H. Silverswen, Chie Lee
Ching, D. Xavier, Han Yip Chan, and 2
Chinese; from Genoa, Dr. Yvass, and Mr.
Emil Voigt; from Naples, Mr. Adolf Fis-
cher, and Count Crocco Orfini. From
Southampton: for Illego; Mr. and Mrs.
Cameron and 2 children, Miss C. Benger;

To DEPART.

Per Doris, for Taku, 11 Chinese.

Per Actis, for Hoihow, 50 Chinese.

Per Ask, for Haiphong, 25 Chinese.

Per Nomo, for Swatow, 200 Chinese.

Per Victoria, for Kobe, &c., 2 Europeans,
and 4 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Mongku reports:

Had fine weather and light winds from Ang-
lia to Pulo Condore. From there to
Varallo, moderate monsoon and fine weather.

From Cape Varallo to port, heavy
Northerly gale, with rain and head wind.

The British steamer Hoihoo reports:

Had moderate monsoon throughout.

The British steamer Pyrus reports:

Had moderate monsoon to the Parcels;

then to port, fresh monsoon, with strong
South-Westernly current and fine weather.

The British steamer Formosa reports:

From Swatow to Breaker Point, fresh N.E.

wind, high seas; from thence to port, N.E.

and N.E. wind and sea, hazy horizon. In

Swatow, steamer Sungkang.

The British steamer Sungkang reports:

Had strong N.E. wind and high sea with

within about 50 miles of Hongkong, mod-
erate wind and sea to port.

The German steamer Sabine Rickmers re-
ports: Had overcast weather and strong
N.E. monsoon.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

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day, the 23rd inst.

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Per Ask, at 10.30 a.m., on Wednesday,
the 23rd inst.

For STRAITS & CALCUTTA.—
Per Catherine Apcar, at 2.30 p.m., on
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For KOBE.—
Per Takao, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednes-
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Cuse was played at the Lyceum Theatre, Shanghai, on the 16th inst. The characters were taken as follows:—

Hon. George D'Alroy Mr. Thornton.
Captain Hawtree Mr. Melville.
Eccles Mr. St. Cass.
Samuel Gerrard Mr. Hyde.
Dixon Mr. Smith.
Marquis de St. Maur Mrs. Evelyn.
Polly Eccles Madams Retford.
Elder Eccles Mrs. Dick.

The Shanghai press awards praise all round. Mr A. P. Stokes was the stage manager.

*The Kobe Herald says that the captain of the German steamer *Ingo*, then lying at Mauau Hunter and Co.'s dock, Osaka, had a narrow escape from asphyxiation on the 5th inst. It appears that Captain Joseph, being somewhat unwell, had a large *hibachi* placed in his cabin before retiring to rest, and next morning was found in bed in an unconscious condition. Although he is now in a fair way towards recovery, his condition warms the time of his discovery so serious that he could not be removed from the ship.*

A new company has just been formed, we read, with the title of Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited, which proposes, under an advantageous agreement with Bell's Asbestos Company, to still further develop trade in the Far East in such goods. The demand for these materials is increasing in the Straits, China, and Japan, with the growth of manufacturing industries, steamers, mills, and other machinery, that either require packing or lubricating. It is intended to open a special agency in Hongkong to commence with, and as business develops other depots may also be started in, probably, Shanghai, Japan, and Singapore. The peculiar properties of asbestos, that curious mineral fibre, which is principally found in Canada, are becoming gradually more extensively recognized, and the consumption grows with this recognition. The Eastern Agency, now founded, had an initial capital of £10,000, which will be extended, if necessary, to develop the business, and open other depots. The founder of the company proceeds very shortly to Hongkong for the purposes of opening the new branch.

The effective power of the Lee-Metford rifle at long range was tried, a contemporary says, during the past year. At Pachmarhi School Major Doran got a percentage of over 15 hits out of 318 rounds, fired at 2,650 yards into a rectangular space 25 yards by 160 yards. A screen 30 feet long and 11 feet high was placed across this simply to show the firing party what they were to aim at. The conditions were most unfavourable, as a strong head-wind was blowing, and the ground was so soft owing to rain that it was impossible to see where the bullets struck. Some experiments in the breaching power of rifle fire at close range were also tried; sun-dried brick and mud walls being fired at from 10 to 50 yards. It was found that ten or eleven volleys from twenty rifles were sufficient to make a hole through the walls large enough to admit of a rifle bullet being used to open it out so as to admit of the passage of one man at a time. A wall 14 feet thick affords no protection whatever at from 300 to 400 yards, at which the bullet attains its highest penetrative power. At Changala Gali it was demonstrated that it will cut through a loose earth parapet 27 inches thick, penetrate a green silver fir tree for 35 inches, and green hill-oak for 22 inches.

THE MOBILISATION.

On the 16th instant the report was circulated that a hostile fleet had been seen by a merchant vessel making its way for Hongkong. The Merchantman put on full speed and managed to make the port in safety, and her captain was able to give timely warning to the military authorities of the danger to the Colony. Precautions were at once taken by Major-General Barker, who has thus completed his last mobilisation in Hongkong. At an early hour the troops paraded and were supplied with ammunition and rations, and soon all the roads on Hongkong Island and on the Kowloon Peninsula were thronged with infantry and artillery en route to the various points appointed for them to defend. The sun had reached the meridian before the enemy's ships were discerned. The admiral had evidently resolved upon a distinct line of action for dividing his squadron into two almost equal parts, so he detailed one section to guard the Western entrance, whilst the remainder of the ships bombarded the Eastern end of the Island. At night, an attempt was made to land troops at Lyceum Bay, but this attempt was gallantly frustrated by the artillery and a detachment of infantry, who poured a heavy fire from rifles and machine guns into the enemy. The loss to the enemy must have been great. This repulse did not dishearten the enemy. With the approach of daylight, he hauled off, only to concentrate his fire on the Eastern fortifications and to endeavour, without avail, however, to silence the defending artillery. During the day repeated attempts were made to land at Lyceum Bay and also in Syuan Bay, as well as on the southern and western shores, apparently with the object of cutting the above ends of the telegraph cables and of the mine cables. The attempts proved unavailing, and later in the afternoon a diversion in the north—the enemy having come out in force from Kowloon City—was similarly frustrated, though it was an anxious moment for the garrison. These operations were repeated all night, and although the cables were preserved, a portion of the enemy's fleet succeeded in forcing the Lyceum Pass and engaged the inner batteries. Meanwhile the enemy had landed a force of soldiers at Mira Bay, and on the 17th inst. they endeavoured to occupy the hills on the northern side of the Pass commanding the batteries on the east side of Kowloon Peninsula. Sustained, however, the western forts were engaged by the enemy's ships, and the Colony had a bad time of it. The defence was severely taxed, but the Kowloon Hills were held and the diversion from Mira Bay repulsed. In the afternoon, the enemy attempted to land on the southern and western shores, and

after severe fighting he did succeed in landing a party of Stanley. With the help of the Maxim Gun Corps, this force was prevented from marching upon the Tytan Reservoir. Had it managed to beat back the defence and advance across the hills, large bodies of men were ready to engage it; but, as we have already said, thanks in no small measure to the gallantry displayed by the Maxim Gun Corps, an advance was out of the question, and the invading force could not maintain its position. All night, the bombardment of the Western forts was kept up vigorously, and several unsuccessful attempts were made to land near the Belcher's Fort and on Stonemasons' Island. The non-success of these efforts was partially due to the steady defence of the Field Battery of the Volunteer Corps on Stonemasons' Island (although, whisper it gently, we believe the detachment of the Field Battery, some one having blundered, was surprised at Kowloon).

On Friday, 18th inst., the western defences were almost constantly engaged, and the garrison had to repeat an attempt to land at Sandy Bay. Stanley was a weak point; and from this peninsula, a force once again attempted to reach Tytan Reservoir, only to be beaten back, however, with great loss.

On Saturday morning the garrison had to prevent an advance from the north, and in the afternoon another attempt was made to capture the Hills by the party from Mira Bay. The final effort (which is, dealt with below) was made on Saturday afternoon, when the whole fleet, drawing off from the eastern entrance, made a combined attack on the south-western coast, and repeated efforts were made under the cover of fire to land troops in the numerous bays at this portion of the Island.

From these brief notes a general idea may be gathered of the serious crisis through which our Colony has passed during the week. To the General Commanding and the officers and men under his command the thanks of the whole community are due; our only regret is that the men were exposed to such cold, disagreeable weather throughout the mobilisation.

The Field Battery moved off from Head-Quarters at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The Maxim Gun Company, whose objective point lay nearer the town, followed later. The route was by Queen's Road. A steady drizzle had made the roads muddy and slippery and necessitated the use of greatcoats the whole afternoon. The Chinese along the route turned out in force to take a look at the Battery. At No. 7 Police Station, coolie draft was waiting, and, after a short halt, the now-motley force moved on. The long incline of the Pok-fu-lam road proved too much for the coolies, and for the heavy aid of the Volunteers they would have stuck several times. Those spectators who kept with the Field Battery had a rare opportunity of realising what manning our South-shore means. From the upper gate of Belcher's Battery to the ridge above Sandy Bay, the Pok-fu-lam Road, was occupied by a double line of troops and coolies. Down one side passed a continuous throng of "coolies loaded with camp equipage and escorted, not by Rifles, then by Sikhs and then by 'Our Very Own.' Along the other side was a succession of Quick-firing Guns in charge of R.A. Gatlings worked by the Rifles, a Field Battery of Volunteers, Companies of the H.K.R., Field Batteries of Sikhs, Companies of the Rifles, and the Maxim Gun Co. Frequently, the line was a triple one as a rapidly moving column of Infantry came up with and passed the Gunnery. Time had been given as 4 o'clock. The Volunteers were in position first, but a wait followed owing to the difficulty of getting some of the other guns into position. The targets, though anchored, began to drift, and one was soon out of range. Another was rapidly following suit when the proceedings were opened with a shot from a quick-firer. The Right Half Battery of the Volunteers opened at once with ploughed shell, for ranging, and soon settled the distance at 2000 odd yards. Shrapnel was soon bursting in good style round the target and some capital practice was made. A cross wind almost put the Left Half Battery out of action, but they got well on the target with the few rounds tried. With the falling light, the drizzling rain wiped out the target completely and the forces drew off. The home journey began with a stiff haul up a route that it would be gross lying to dub a road, and which made thefeat of regaining the main road an experience to be remembered. The road, bad in the afternoon, was now execrable, and the homeward journey was no picnic stroll. The Maxims had great difficulty in getting into position near the Black Death Cemetery and an even harder time getting out again. Both units reached Head-Quarters together about 7 p.m. and were dismissed by the commandant—Colonel Jerrard—with a tribute of praise for "great steadiness shown throughout."

The robbers of Canton are getting bolder and more audacious every day, says the *Hin*, a statement which has been proved recently by a gang of desperadoes of the city sending "expressos" to all the leading and wealthy families of Canton asking them to pay premiums to a newly organised "Insurance" company, called the "Ying-habuk Insurance company," which will guarantee the subscribers immunity from robbery and plunder for one year! Some of the premiums demanded by this preposterous lot of underworlders amounted to as much as Tls. 10,000, the amounts varying according to the recognised status of the family to be laid under contribution. These refusing to subscribe are threatened with the particular attention of the gang in question.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND COMPANY CO.

The ordinary meeting of shareholders in this Company was held this afternoon at Victoria Buildings. The chairman, Hon. J. Keswick presided, and there were present—Hon. G. P. Chater, Messrs St. C. Michaelson, N. A. Siebt, D. R. Samson, J. S. Moses (Directors), A. Shelton Hooper (Secretary), S. B. Benjamin, J. S. Ezzekiel, P. Jordan, G. C. Inchbald, D. Jones, H. N. Mody, J. Goosmann and M. S. S. Sasoon.

The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, in submitting the report and accounts for the past year, I have much pleasure in being able to say that our hopes of a year ago, that we should be in position to resume our place amongst the Dividend-paying Companies, have been realised, and that although the Dividend we propose paying is small, yet the fact that we have been able to work off the Debt Balance of £1278.82 and show a Credit Balance of £9612.07 is very satisfactory. The property is now entirely developed, and we have an Estate of 98 Chinese houses situate in a prosperous part of the City, and with a revival of the business of the Colony we hope that we shall be able to obtain an improved revenue thereby enabling us to pay increased Dividends.

Mr D. Jones—I would like to ask if some of these what I might term nonsensical exactions to which I referred not long ago in this room, in the shape of the 9-inch concrete or other impervious material which has to be put on Chinese floors and yards,—if this ridiculous exaction is carried out, might I ask how far it will affect our property? Have we any estimate of the probable cost? I am afraid those who initiated this exaction did not go into the matter as thoroughly and calmly as business men and sensible men might have done.

The Chairman—As far as we know, although we have not gone fully into the matter, it will cost about \$40 for each lotus.

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr Goosmann proposed the re-election of Directors of Messrs Keswick and Moses.

Mr Jordan seconded.

Agreed.

Mr Goosmann proposed and Mr M. S. Sasoon seconded the election of Mr F. Henderson as auditor.

Agreed.

The Chairman—That concludes the business of the meeting. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow morning.

TAIPINGSHAN RESUMPTION ARBITRATION BOARD.

(Arbitrators—His Honour Mr. K. J. Ackroyd, Acting Chief Justice; Mr E. F. Alford, and Mr W. R. Danby.)

Monday, January 21.

MORE AWARDS.

The Board was engaged upon the following claims, the Crown being represented by Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, assisted by the Hon. F. A. Cooper, Director of Public Works.

Claim No. 35, Lo Kam Chwee, Inland Lot 244 E. Amount claimed, \$3500, the Government offered \$1900; the Board awarded \$1900.

Mr G. D. Wilkinson appeared on behalf of the claimant.

No costs were allowed.

Claim No. 39, Chung Tsan, Inland Lot 245 G. Amount claimed, \$3400; the Government offered \$1700; the Board awarded \$2000.

Mr G. D. Wilkinson appeared on behalf of the claimant.

No costs were allowed.

Claim No. 41, Chung Tsan, Inland Lot 1314 E. Amount claimed, \$3400; the Government offered \$1900; the case was settled out of Court for \$4000.

Mr G. D. Wilkinson appeared on behalf of the claimant.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honour Mr. A. G. Wise, Acting Prince Judge, and a Common Jury.)

Tuesday, January 22.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON GAMBLING FOOLS.

Rambux, private in the Hongkong Regiment, was charged with robbing J. F. Abraham on the public highway.

The Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General, conducted the prosecution, instructed by Mr A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor.

The accused, who pleaded not guilty, was undefended.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs W. Osborne, W. S. Harrison, M. I. Michaelson, J. M. G. Pereira, J. M. d. Carvalho, M. F. Ellsberg, and F. A. C. Hahn.

The Attorney General said this offence was committed on the road between Kowloon City and Hungnam on the 2nd inst. Abraham had gone with a Chinese friend to Kowloon City to gamble. The proprietors of these gambling establishments, he informed the jury, were kind enough to provide launches which carried cargoes of fools to Kowloon City and it was in one of these launches that Abraham had gone. In these gambling establishments the proprietors gave their visitors cigars and beer with which to fiddle and make these fools more foolish. Abraham made himself somewhat free with the cigars and the beer, and although he was his (the Attorney General's) witness he had no doubt Abraham was a very foolish young man, and he had no doubt the two or three glasses of beer of which he had partaken made him more foolish than he was naturally.

There were several Indian soldiers in the daily papers to produce five men in the Colony who have become rich on investments on property since 1888, or in fact who secure a fair and ordinary interest on their money. Looking at the disastrous year of 1891, I think we have every cause to be satisfied with the report laid before us; and I have much pleasure in acceding to its adoption.

Agreed unanimously.

Capt. Tillett moved the re-election of the retiring Directors, Messrs D. R. Sasoon and Poong Pung.

Mr F. Henderson seconded.

Agreed.

Mr J. G. Peter moved and Mr J. H. Cox seconded that the election of Messrs St. C. Michaelson and N. A. Siebt to the Directorate be confirmed.

Agreed.

Mr A. Denison moved and Mr Mann seconded the election of Mr Fullerton Henderson as auditor.

Agreed.

The Chairman—That concludes the business of the meeting and I am very much obliged to you for your attendance. It is regrettable that the meeting should have been fixed for mid-day, but at the time the date was fixed that circumstance was overlooked. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow on application at the office. Those shareholders outside the Colony will have their warrants posted to them where their addresses are known.

HERE is a warning to preachers who deal with the thorny subject of betting and gambling. According to the *Record*, Capo Whitley, the veteran Vicar of Bedlington, who was Senior Wrangler as long ago as 1880, preached a sermon in which he showed the foolishness of staking money when the chances of winning were so small. Two pitiful, discussing the sermon afterwards, were heard to say they felt sure "the Vicar must have betted a lot." In his time he would have known as much about it.

The Canon is very fond of telling the story against himself. With this, as conveying a caution of another kind, we may bracket a story told by Mr. Frederick Sherlock at Exeter Hall. An East-end parson asked his boy school, "What is your duty towards your neighbour?" A forest of hands was raised and a likely boy invited to speak. His answer was, "Please, sir, watch 'em." He is evidently destined to become a police-

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[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

LONDON, 22nd January, 1895.

THE JAPANESE LAND NEAR WEIHAIWEI.

Twenty-five thousand Japanese troops have landed at Yung Cheng, thirty-five miles S.E. of Wei-hai-wei, the Japanese warships having previously silenced the shore batteries.

The British Squadron is cruising in the vicinity.

THE CRISIS IN FRANCE.

M. Bourgeois is unable to form a Cabinet, and the crisis is likely to be prolonged.

OBITUARY.

Lord Barrett, the Jockey.

THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

ANOTHER GENERAL DOOMED.

The following Imperial Edict relative to the present war, and dated the 16th and 17th instant, have been transmitted by special wires from Peking to the *Chinese Mail* (*Wah Tsui Yat Fo*):—

Sung Hing, Titu of Sz Chuan, and Wu Tsing Chung, Governor of Hunan, are now commanding to assist Liu Kunyi in the war operations.

We are memorialised by the Board of Punishment for an order to pass sentence on ex-General Wei Ju Kuei, whose crimes, on examination by this Board in pursuit to Our previous order, have been ascertained to be of an exceedingly serious nature.

Fortunately for all of us, the local authorities acted splendidly. The Taoci at once took prompt measures, and sent Fu tsien, who is the head to the commissary department, to prevent the soldiers entering. They shut the gates and barricaded them and lined the walls with soldiers and threatened to shoot any of the southern army that entered the town. This prompt, plucky and energetic action has saved us.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic (via Nagasaki), Kobo, Inland Sea, SATURDAY, Jan. 26, at daylight.

Honolulu, WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27, at daylight.

Belgic (via Nagasaki), Kobo, Inland Sea, and Yokohama, WEDNESDAY, Mar. 20, at daylight.

Copie (via Nagasaki), Kobo, Inland Sea, and Yokohama, WEDNESDAY, Mar. 20, at daylight.

The Steamship ROSETTE, Captain G. W. F. Browne, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 31st January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. (The Steamer connects at Bombay with the CARTHAGE, which Vessel takes on her Cargo for LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL, leaving that port on the 23rd FEBRUARY, 1895.)

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Postages should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Involved to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

C. L. GORHAM,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 9, 1895.

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via Nagasaki, Kobo, Inland Sea, and Yokohama), WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6, at daylight.

China (via Nagasaki, Kobo, Inland Sea, and Yokohama), WEDNESDAY, Feb. 20, at daylight.

Peru (via Nagasaki, Kobo, Inland Sea, and Yokohama), SATURDAY, Mar. 9, at daylight.

Honolulu).

The U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF PEKING will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KORE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th February, at Daylight, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of \$10.00 Gold in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

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Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japanese Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 6 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Involved to accompany Cargo destined to China beyond San Francisco to the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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O. L. GORHAM,
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Hongkong, January 10, 1895.

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